## REMARKS

Claims 15, 16 and 18 are pending in the present application. In the above further supplemental amendments, claims 1-12 are now hereby canceled. Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

In an effort to reduce the issues under consideration, and to avoid further delay in the grant of allowed claims 15, 16 and 18, all previously remaining claims have now been cancelled.

The newly presented supplemental amendment canceling claims 1-12 obviates all outstanding objections and rejections in this case. Applicant intends to pursue canceled claims in a separate continuing application. Claims 1-12 are hereby canceled without prejudice. In light of the supplemental amendments contained herein, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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